

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for managing photo releases, comprising:
 - a digital capture device for capturing an original image having at least one individual;
 - a device for producing a representative image of said captured original image;
 - a display device for displaying said representative image and for displaying a release associated with said at least one individual and said representative image; and
 - an input device associated with said display device for receiving an authorization signature by said at least one individual with respect to said photo release.
2. A system according to claim 1 wherein said at least one individual image in said representative image displayed on said display device can be highlighted so as to indicate that an authorization signature on said photo release has been obtained.
3. A system according to claim 1 wherein information is associated with said original image when said authorization signature is obtained with respect to said at least one individual.
4. A system according to claim 3 wherein said information and said original image is stored on a database.
5. A system according to claim 1 wherein said digital capture device, said device producing a representative image for displaying and said display device are provided in a single device.
6. A system according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of original images are obtained containing the same at least one individual and a single photo release is associated with each of said original images.

7. A system according to claim 1 wherein one said authorization signature is obtained, said photo release is no longer capable of being modified.

8. A system according to claim 7 wherein digital watermarking is used to prevent unnoticed modifications.

9. A method for managing photo releases, comprising:
capturing a digital image, an original image of at least one individual;

producing a representative image of said captured original image;

displaying said representative image and a photo release associated with said at least one individual with respect to said original image;

obtaining an authorization signature by said at least one individual with respect to said original image; and

associating said authorization signature as metadata with respect to said original image.

10. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the step of:

highlighting said individual and said representative image when an authorization signature by said at least one individual has been obtained with respect to said original image.

11. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the step of:

associating said photo release with respect to said captured original image as metadata.

12. A method according to claim 9 wherein upon obtaining an authorization signature by said at least one individual and said original image.